PRESIDENT: Order, order. It is always a matter of some little controversy as to when an answer becomes a speech. But questions are sometimes put in the form of speeches and replies follow suit.

MR. KANNANTHODATH JANARDANAN NAIR: May I know on what principle the second selective test was held when a good number of candidates in the first test were not appointed?

DR. G. D. NOKES: Sir, I have already explained that by what is described as a long speech which was objected to by an honourable member.

MR. M. SIVATHANU PILLAI (*Thovala* cum *Agasteeswaram*): May I khow whether the member is prepared to assure the House that the second elective test was not held with the intention of getting money?

DR. G. D. NOKES: Whose intention? Personally I had no such intention.

MR. M. SIVATHANU PILLAI: I am asking not of Dr. Nokes' intention but I am asking whether Government had any idea of collecting money by way of fees by holding the second test.

PRESIDENT: Order, order. I do not think it is possible for Dr. Nokes, however capable he may be, to define the intentions of Government. The Chief Secretary may answer the question, whether it is the object of Government to hold these examinations for the purpose of making money.

MR. M. K. NILAKANTA AIYAR: No, Sir.

Appointments made without the advice of the Public Service Commissioner.

6. *MR. MURUKUMPUZHA V. KUNJUKRISHNAN: Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) whether appointing authorities could make initial appointments in short-term vacancies without advice from the Public Service Commissioner; and

(*b*) whether such service will count for seniority in the matter of recruitment by the Public Service Commissioner?

DR. G. D. NOKES: (*a*) Yes.

(*b*) No, in the Higher and Intermediate Division.
Yes, in the Lower Division.

MR. MURUKUMPUZHA V. KUNJUKRISHNAN: With reference to answer to part (a) of the question may I know whether the Public Service Commissioner will kindly refer to any rule or Government order whereby short-term service will be considered in the matter of making appointments to the Public Service?

DR. G. D. NOKES: As far as I am aware, there is no specific rule or order on the subject.

MR. KANNANTHODATH JANARDANAN NAIR: May I know whether in regard to the lower division the service only before 25th June 1935 that a candidate has put in is not taken into account?

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DR. G. D. NOKES: No, Sir. It applies to long service candidates.

MR. KANNAN THODATH JANARDANAN NAIR: Is it not the intention of the rule that the service that a candidate has put in must be considered when reckoning seniority?

DR. G. D. NOKES: The provision for the lower division is that within the community candidates are to be selected according to seniority

Supply of water by electricity in the Iyroor pakuthi.

7. *MR. A. K. KUMARAN VAIDYAN (*Kunnatnad* cum *Parur*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) whether they have received any application for supplying water by electricity in the Iyroor pakuthi in Parur taluk;

(*b*) if so, when; and

(*c*) whether the Electrical Department has decided to take up the work?

MR. M. K. NILAKANTA AIYAR: (*a*) Yes.

(*b*) In October 1939.

(*c*) The question will be taken up for consideration by the Department after studying the results of the experiments now being conducted by the Department in Kuthiathodu.

Budget allotment for the maintenance of Highways in 1114.

8. *MR. M. R. NARAYANA PILLAI (*Tiruvalla*): Will the Government be pleased to state;

(*a*) the total allotment in the budget for the year 1114 on account of maintenance of highways;

(*b*) whether the whole amount was utilised for the maintenance of highways; and

(*c*) if not, what was done with the balance?

MR. M. S. DORASWAMI AIYANGAR (*Ag. Chief Engineer*):

(*a*) Maintenance of roads Rs. 9,42,998.
Maintenance of traces Rs. 16,545.

(*b*) No.

(*c*) The unspent balance lapsed at the end of the year.

MR. M. R. NARAYANA PILLAI: May I know why the amount that was budgeted was not spent fully?

MR. M. S. DORASWAMI AIYANGAR: Practically the whole amount has been spent. There was a saving of Rs. 12,783 on the maintenance of roads and Rs. 1,211, due partly to tender deductions and partly unspent balance.

MR. M. R. NARAYANA PILLAI: May I know why an excess amount was budgeted?

MR. M. S. DORASWAMI AIYANGAR: The budget is based on existing sanctions. Some portions have been taken for maintenance. So there are savings in actual working.

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